

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
January 9, 2007

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Paul Barghouth, Michelle Biocini, Leslie Harbinson, Vanessa Harsh, Amelia Herrera, Zedric Ochoa, Linda Oseso, Tracy Ottey, Angela Prochnow, Jennifer Padwal, Ashley Seymour, Alex Vargas, Anya Vo and Amanda Whitcomb

Absent: none

Guests: Kelly Greenia – Wilcox student

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator
Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

Matters for City Council Action – none

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tracy Ottey at 6:22 p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Kelly Greenia, Wilcox student
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –a motion was made by Zedric Ochoa and seconded by Paul Barghouth to amend the following changes: November 14 minutes – Anya Vo was not absent, IV-A3, it should read qualified for Nationals. IV-B3, the drama production was called “Everything but the Truth.” December 12 minutes – VI-A, it should read “At 6:00pm, only the middle school students were allowed in to the Gobble Gobble. V-D, there should be a period after the word auditorium. A motion was made by Angela Prochnow and seconded by Ashley Seymour to approve the amended minutes from the November 14 and December 12 meetings. Unanimous
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Santa Clara high school
 - 1. January 4, New office opened
 - 2. January 12, Basketball quad game
 - 3. January 16 – 19, Finals
 - 4. January 17, Basketball – girls JV and Varsity vs. Cupertino
 - 5. January 19, Basketball quad game
 - 6. January 24, Basketball – girls vs. Monte Vista
 - 7. January 26, Basketball quad game
 - 8. January 27, Crab Feed
 - B. Wilcox high school
 - 1. Wednesday schedule has changed – now 10 minutes passing time between classes
 - 2. January 8, Varsity boys soccer ties with Monte Vista
 - 3. January 12, soccer vs. Lynbrook
 - 4. January 12, Basketball quad game
 - 5. January 13, Cheer competition @ Deer Valley
 - 6. January 16 – 19, Finals
 - 7. January 19, End of semester
 - 8. January 22, Staff development day – No school
 - 9. January 23, Boys basketball vs. Los Altos

10. January 26, Winter Spirit Rally
 11. January 30, boys basketball vs. Mountain. View
 12. January 30 and February 2, Food Faire
- C. Archbishop Mitty
1. January 4, Girls basketball
 2. January 6, Boys and girls soccer vs. St. Ignatius
 3. January 9, Monarch Madness sign-ups
 4. January 10, All School Assembly
 5. January 11, Department meetings
 6. January 12, Student holiday
 7. January 15, No School
- D. St. Lawrence
1. January 4, Classes resume
 2. January 15, No school
 3. January 19, Pennies for Patients cancelled
 4. January 20, Winter Ball
- E. St. Francis
1. January 19, Rally
 2. January 25, Multi-cultural Prayer Service
 3. January 27, Father/Daughter Dance
 4. January 29, No classes
- F. Library
1. January 24, Storm Breaker movie and discussion

V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Letters to Santa, December 4 – 15 – the Youth Commission responded to 144 children's letters to Santa. Each child received a hand written response from Santa.
- B. Candy Cane Casino Night, December 15 – The Youth Commission ran the dice games at our annual event.
- C. Fashion Show – Model tryouts, December 16 – the Youth Commission held a model search to find models to work the runway at the Fashion Show in May. All high school students were welcome.
- D. Drivers Education, December 27 – 30 – This class offered at the Teen Center during the Christmas Break was a big success. Registration available at the Teen Center.

VII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. City Council Forum – Youth Commissioners met to continue their discussion regarding the possibility of holding a forum so as to hear the City Council candidate's platform. The committee would like to hold a "now what" forum, for those City Council members that have just been elected. Although the youth can not vote, they are none the less very interested in politics and what City Council has to say. Topics such as the San Francisco 49ers and the new downtown area are of interest to the youth. A committee meeting was scheduled for January 23 at 6:30pm.
- B. Transportation – The Youth Commission is very interested in a transportation system for the youth, here in Santa Clara. The idea is to have a shuttle that will run between points of interest for the teens. The Youth Commission has been collecting surveys from their peers as to what their points of interest would be. Once all of the surveys have been collected, the committee will use the data to see which points of interest are the most popular. From there, they will then be able to start mapping out a proposed route for the shuttle. A committee meeting was scheduled for January 23 at 5:30pm.

- C. Fashion Show – The Youth Commission is continuing with the planning of their first Fashion Show. The Model Search was very successful, as there was quite a large turnout. Another model search will need to take place for male models. All high school students are encouraged to tryout. The committee will then choose who will appear in the Fashion Show. Vendor letters have gone out to local clothing companies requesting donations for the show. A committee meeting was scheduled for January 23 at 6:00pm.
- D. Moon dance Film Festival – The Youth Commission is partnering with the Library to hold a Film Festival in the spring. The hope is to have it as close to a full moon as possible. The committee would like to hold it at the Wilcox Theater. Jennifer Herb is looking into available dates. A committee meeting was scheduled for January 23 at 5:00pm.
- E. Intergenerational Activity – The committee continues to discuss the Neighborhood Clean up, for homebound seniors in Santa Clara. This day of “sprucing up,” will take place on March 24, weather pending. The Youth Commission is in the process of recruiting peers to help clean up the yards of homebound seniors. Jennifer Herb and Jessica Carter are working together on this. A committee meeting was scheduled for January 23 at 4:30pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. “Final Spot – Midterm Edition, January 16 – 18 – The Teen Center is hosting its 2nd annual “Final Spot – Midterm Edition.” Students can study in groups or individually, de-stress with some stress relief activities or grub on free food. Hours have been extended until 10:00pm.
- B. Ski Sierra Summit, January 22 – this trip was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Jennifer Herb will try and reschedule if the weather cooperates.
- C. Moon Dance Film Festival – February or March. The Youth Commission is collaboration with the Library, will be hosting a film festival for high school students with films that they would like to show.
- D. Soccer tournament, February 17 – this event has been rescheduled to a further date
- E. Drivers Education – February 20 – 23, The Teen Center will be offering another class during Winter Break. Sign ups can be taken at the Teen Center.
- F. Youth Commission Spring Social, March 3 – Jon Kawada is working with other cities in the Bay Area to put together a social for all Youth Commissions. The event will be held at the Redwood City Senior Center and will consist of a spaghetti dinner, mixers, games and a movie.
- G. City Council Forum – a motion was made by the Youth Commission to ask City Council and City staff if they would be interested in participating in a forum. Topics of interest are the calendar year goals, downtown development and the San Francisco 49ers.
- H. High School advertising – Rich Casem asked if the Youth Commission would be able to help him out on the high school campuses with event advertising. Jennifer Herb will work to coordinate with Rich Casem.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None

- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Anya Vo and seconded by Zedric Ochoa to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, February 13 at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by:

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 Recreation Supervisor